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SUBJ: POLITICAL UPDATE: REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL STATEMENT

REF: LISBON 3416

1. REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC), MEETING THROUGH EARLY MORNING  
HOURS, ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT 4 A.M., JUNE 19:

2. BEGIN TEXT: "A WORKING SESSION OF SOME MEMBERS OF REVOLUTIONARY  
COUNCIL, CONVOKED FOR PURPOSE OF EXAMINING OVERALL  
SITUATION OF PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION, HAS BEEN TAKEN ADVANTAGE  
OF BY CERTAIN GROUPS TO STIR UP PUBLIC OPINION, ATTEMPTING BY  
MEANS OF RUMOR CAMPAIGN AND ALARMIST BEHAVIOR OF CERTAIN ORGANS  
OF INFORMATION TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON THE COUNCIL.

"AT THE SAME TIME, DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BY SO-CALLED  
NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATIONS WHICH, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AND  
DISTORTING STATEMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS, HAVE SPREAD CONCERN  
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AND ALARM AMONG THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE, APPEALING FOR AN

ADVANCE DOWN THE ROAD OF A DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT WITH THE SUPPORT OF ARMED MILITIAS, A PATH WHICH THE AFM REPUDIATES AS BEING INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PLURALIST PATH ALREADY DEFINED BY THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION.

"THE COUNCIL WISHES TO MAKE KNOWN THAT, AS SOON AS IT COMPLETES ITS WORK, IT WILL ADVISE THE PUBLIC OF THE DECISIONS IT HAS TAKEN, DECISIONS WHICH WILL ALWAYS TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION TRUE INTERESTS OF PORTUGUESE PEOPLE." END TEXT.

3. COPCON COMMANDER GENERAL OTELO DE SARAIVA DE CARVALHO ALSO ISSUED PERSONAL STATEMENT BROADCAST OVER MORNING RADIO WHICH IS CRITICAL OF JUNE 17 UNITARY ACTION DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY COUNCILS OF WORKERS, SOLDIERS, AND SAILORS (CRTS) (SEE REFTEL).

4. REPUBLICA AND RADIO RENASCENSA CASES CONTINUE TO SIMMER. RIVAL DEMONSTRATIONS IN BOTH CASES HELD EVENING JUNE 18. SOCIALISTS HAVE COME OUT IN SUPPORT OF CHURCH IN RR CASE, STRESSING LINKAGE WITH REPUBLICA ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ISSUE. CHURCH HIERARCHY STANDS FIRM, AND BISHOPS HAVE ISSUED STRONG PASTORAL LETTER. NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUING IN BOTH CASES.

5. COMMENT: TONE AS WELL AS CONTENT OF RC STATEMENT IS MILDLY ENCOURAGING. MESSAGE IS IN EFFECT A PLAGUE ON BOTH HOUSES. RC IS APPARENTLY SEEKING SOME MIDDLE GROUND AS A WAY OUT OF CURRENT POLITICAL CRISIS. DETAILS IN SEPTTEL.  
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